(5) of Article 148 of the Constitution and also with reference to rule 4(B) of the Central Civil Service (Conduct) Rules, 1955. In 1962, the Supreme Court had struck down rule 4(B) of the said conduct Rules. It is only on this account that the Recognition Rules, 1959 were treated by the Central Government *suo-moto* as "inoperative".

(b) and (c) Fresh Rules for granting Recognition to Service Associations of the Central Government employees are expected to be finalised soon.

Revision of reserved constituencies

2005 SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to revise the number, extent and area of the existing reserved constituencies of Vidhan Sabha and Lok Sabha;

(b) if so, by when this work is likely to be entrusted to the delimitation commission;

(c) whether Government propose to rotate the reserved constituencies within the State and if so, by when it is likely to be done; and

(d) whether Government have any plans to introduce any legislation in this regard in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) and (d) The proposal for rotation of reserved seats is linked with the proposal for delimitation of Constituencies. The Government propose to discuss these proposals with political parties before arriving at a final decision. The question of legislation will arise only after the discussions are over and a final decision in the matter has been taken

Child marriages

2006. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that child marriages continue to take place in the country in spite of the provisions of the Child Marriage Restraint Act;

(b) whether Government propose to make these provisions more effective and empower the local police officials with sufficient authority to effectively intervene and stop such child marriages; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No proposal to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 is under consideration. The Act was last amended in 1978 with a view to provide that offences under the Act shall be cognizable for the purpose of investigation and for all matters other than matters referred to in section 42 of the Criminal Procedure Code (arrest on refusal to give name and residence) and the arrest of a person without a warrant or without an order of the magistrate. Thus, sufficient power and authority exist under the Act to deal with offences under the Act.

श्रीलंका में सैनिक कार्यवाही पर व्यय

2007. **श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी** : क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) भारत–श्रीलंका समझौता कार्यान्वित करने के लिए भारत द्वारा हाल ही में की गई सैनिक कार्रवाई पर सरकार को कितनी धनराशि व्यय करनी पड़ी थी ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने श्रीलंका सरकार को इस अतिरिक्त व्यय का कुछ भाग वहन करने के लिये कहा है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के नटवर सिंह) : (क) श्रीलंका में भारतीय शांति सेना की कार्रवाई अभी चल रही है और अभी कोई अनुमान लगाना संभव नहीं है ।

(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Representation from Tibetans residing in India

2008 SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the Tibetan people residing in India to review the Government policy towards Tibet and its people in view of the recent happenings in Tibet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's attitude towards the recent development in Tibet?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have received representations from the Assembly of Tibetan Peoples Deputies, the Tibetan Youth Congress, the Tibetan Women's Association and Tibetan Freedom Movement Committee urging Government to review its policy towards Tibet in view of recent happenings in Tibet.

(c) Government recognise Tibet as an autonomous region of China. While India has long-standing cultural and religious contact with the people of Tibet, we have no desire to interfere in the internal happenings of Tibet.

Financial assistance promised to West Bengal during Prime Minister's visit in September, 1986

2009. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money promised by the Prime Minister in September, 1986 for West Bengal for the economic development of the State;

(b) the break-up of such financial assistance under each head; and

(c) how far this promise or assurance has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) A statement is enclosed. [*See* Appendix CXLIX, Annexure No. 81]

Matching the Pakistan Navy

2010 SHRI J P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated 31st August, 1987 under the caption 'Indian Navy cannot match Pak', wherein it has been reported that an American expert on defence has said that the Indian Navy lacked a doctrine and would not be able to match the Pakistan Navy in any future war;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto; and

(c) what measures are proposed to be taken to strengthen further the Indian Navy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.